Hot Weather Increases **Electricity Usage** While air conditioners can't help our customers

strained to keep homes and offices cool during recent hot weather, Carolina Power & Light Co. customers' overall electric usage jumped more than 15 percent. If you use air conditioning in your home, this could mean a big increase in your monthly electric bill.

The reason, says Josephine Johnson, area manager at Mount Olive, is because almost all of the increase in electric consumption was due to air conditioning, which makes up only a portion of CP&L's total electrical production.

"When we get this kind of overall increase in electric usage, and extremely hot weather, it means air conditioned homes may be doubling the amount of electricity they use for cooling. said Johnson.

Here's why: When high temperatures are in the 80s - like in mid-June - and nights get cool, your air conditioner only works parttime. When high temperatures reach the upper 90s, and nights are hot, cooling your home becomes almost a full-time job.

Johnson said when it is 88 degrees outside and your home is 78 degrees, the difference between outdoor and indoor temperatures is 10 degrees - and that is how much cooling power you need from your air condi-

But, when the outside temperature reaches 98 degrees and the inside temperature is 78 degrees, the difference between the two is doubled - and so could your air conditioning use, according to Johnson. She said average daily temperatures were up about 10 degrees over June levels during the heat wave.

Since air conditioning can account for up to two-thirds of your summertime electricity use, bills can easily jump a third over normal when a hot spell hits and cooling needs double.

For customers whose budgets get a jolt from the higher bills caused by the heat spell, there is a way to reduce the immediate impact, said Johnson. CP&L offers an Equal Pay Plan which equalizes the amount of bills over a 12-month period. Under this plan, a customer's bill is estimated for the next 12 months and the payment is the same each month during the period. Customers interested in the EPP can get more information by calling the CP&L office at 919-658-5019.

Johnson also urged customers who think they might have trouble paying their electric bill on time to call the CP&L office. "We are glad to work with customers who are having troubles, but we

Savings Bonds Sales Up 20 Percent

Sales of Series EE Savings Bonds in Duplin County during April - June of 1983 totaled \$14,382,463. Total sales for the first six months amounted to \$26,723,054. according to W. Ray Johnson, volunteer county chair-

Sales of U.S. Savings Bonds in North Carolina were 20 percent higher in the second quarter than during the same period last year, continuing their upward trend since the variable. market-based rate was introduced in November 1982. Sales were \$14,382,463 compared to \$11,990.716 in April - June 1982.

January - June sales amounted to \$26,723,054, representing 52 percent of the state's dollar goal of \$51,400,000

Nationally, sales for the first six months of 1983 amounted to \$2.11 billion, up 37 percent from year-ago sales. Redemptions for the same period were at \$3.3 billion, a decrease of 31 percent from 1982. As of June 30, \$69.7 billion worth of Savings Bonds were held by the public, an increase of \$218 million for the month.

Camp Meeting

The annual Eastern Carolina Baptist Camp Meeting, sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church of Kenansville, will get underway Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and continue through Friday night, the 13th. Morning services will be at 9:30 Tuesday through Friday.

unless we know of their circumstances," she said.

Even though you can't control outside temperatures, you can help cut back on total electricity use and still be comfortable. Among the conservation tips CP&L recommends are:

- If you have central air conditioning, try to keep the thermostat set at 78 degrees or above. A thermostat set below 78 degrees will add, on the average, about 5 percent per degree to your cooling bill.

- Keep leaves, grass, shrubs and other obstacles away from the outdoor air conditioning unit.

If you have a window air conditioning unit, clean the filter and outside casing or grill of the unit monthly.

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window air conditioning units on the north or shady side of the house to reduce their work load.

- Don't block window units or outlets with drapes, shades, pictures or furniture.

Save your moisture and heat-producing home activities for cool times of the day. Mopping, dishwashing, laundering and bathing add heat and moisture in the air and can make the air conditioner work harder.

Draw drapes, blinds shades on the sunny side of the house. Awnings or trees and shrubs can also help shield the sunny side of the house and prevent overworking the air conditioner.

If you have storm windows, be sure they are closed to help prevent the loss of cool air.

- Don't leave on un-necessary lights, They can add heat to the room.

Be sure the fireplace damper is closed to keep cool air from escaping. When the weather is

cool enough, turn off the air conditioner and enjoy the

James Kenan Scrimmages West Craven

James Kenan Head Foot-ball Coach Billy Byrd announced earlier this week that the Tigers will crimmage West Craven High School August 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Field. Byrd and his staff welcome all school supporters to come out and

support the football team.
"We need the support and the players have been

working real hard and deserve it for James Kenan High," Byrd declared.

Some 70-75 football hope fuls are now getting ready for the home opener with Clinton's Dark Horses on Sept. 2nd.

Get a sneak view of the '83 Tigers Thursday night, Aug. 18 at Tiger Field. See you

Duplin Health News

Duplin County Health Di-rector Joe Costin urged all parents to make sure their children have had the minimum immunization shots required by state law before school starts. Parents who have moved to North Carolina from other states should

request immunization records from their former physician or local health

North Carolina's immunication law, revised by the 1979 General Assembly, requires a complete basic series of shots for all children attending public and private

. als in kindergarien the 12th grade. three combination diptheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) shots; three oral polio vaccine doses; measles vaccine on or after the child's first birthday; and rubella (german measles) vaccine. The majority of the children affected are those entering licensed day care centers, kindergarten, and the first grade. The law allows exemptions only for medical or religious rea-

Costin stressed that parents should be diligent about having their children properly immunized and keep their records up-to-"Now is the time for

kindergarten and first grade students to get their backto-school shots," Costin said.

"Parents should have their children's immunization records verified and signed or stamped by a physician. Parents who have moved into North Carolina from other states should have their children's records verified without delay so they will have them ready to present. to the schools in the fall. Don't wait until the last minute when scheduling appointments may be diffi-

The immunization law requires students to be vaccinated within 30 days after

the opening of school. After that deadline, students who don't have their shots will not be allowed to attend school until they present a current record of immunization.

Costin said all of the required shots may be obtained from private physicians or the Duplin health depart-



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